

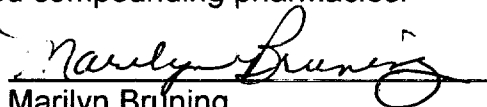
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I OPPOSE THE DRAFT M.O.U. being proposed by the FDA. In particular, I OBJECT to the definition of "inordinate amount" which restricts the availability and the right to obtain medically necessary compounded medications by limiting the number of prescriptions that can be shipped across state lines from specialized compounding pharmacies.

Signed:



12 March, 1999

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My comments are as follows: My Cardiologist and my Primary Care Physician determined that it is in the best interests of my cardiovascular health to be on a Hormone Replacement Therapy regimen, specifically 17B Estradiol and Oral Micronized Progesterone. I have been on this regimen since cardiac catheterization interventions in 1995.

I tried standardized HRT and had very bad results. The above regimen is the result of much experimentation. I tried to get this prescription compounded locally, but the cost was estimated at nearly twice the price, in excess of \$90.00 monthly. This is in addition to two cardio drugs, Procardia and Lipitor, both extremely expensive. I can get the same hormone prescription from a mail-order pharmacy for \$44.50 monthly, which makes quite a difference in our monthly budget. Local pharmacies simply can't produce these formulations at a reasonable price.

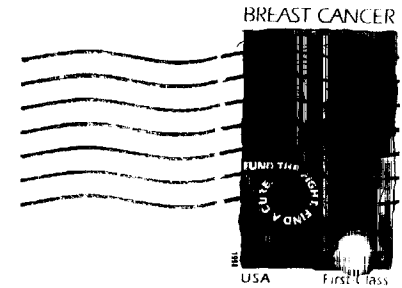
Please don't take this lower priced drug away from me and thousands of other women who depend on the quality and price of mail-order compounding pharmacies.

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